

GOVERNMENT OF ANDHRA PRADESH

ABSTRACT

Civil Supplies:- Damage of paddy due to untimely rains in November, 2008 in Krishna, West Godavari, Guntur, Nellore, East Godavari Districts – Purchase of damaged paddy by the A.P. State Civil Supplies Corporation Ltd with discolouration or sprouting upto 50% by imposing full value cuts – Orders – Issued.

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CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND CIVIL SUPPLIES (CSI) DEPARTMENT

G.O. Ms. No. 5

Dated: 27 .1.2009

Read the following;

1. Lr. No. C1/429/2008 dated 9.12.2008 of Collector, Krishna District.
2. D.O. Lr. No. PI(4)/9285/2008 dated 31.12.2008 of Commissioner of Civil Supplies (i/c), A.P. Hyderabad.
3. Lr. No. C1/429/2008 dated 12.1.2009 of Collector, Krishna District.
4. Lr. No. 53/CSI(1)/2009 dated 20.1.2009 of Ex. Officio Secretary to Govt. Consumer Affairs, Food and Civil Supplies Department, A.P. Secretariat.
5. Lr. No. Mktg. M2/11973/2008 dated 21.1.2009 of VC & Managing Director, A.P. State Civil Supplies Corporation Ltd. Hyderabad.

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ORDER :

In the reference 2nd read above, the Collectors, Krishna, Guntur, Nellore, East Godavari and West Godavari districts have been requested to open as many purchase centres as required by the A.P. State Civil Supplies Corporation Limited and to commence purchase of damaged paddy with discolouration or sprouting upto 25% with value cuts.

2. In the reference 3rd read above, the Collector, Krishna District has informed that since Government have issued orders permitting the A.P. State Civil Supplies Corporation Ltd for purchase of damaged paddy with discolouration /sprouting upto 25%, the millers are purchasing the paddy where the discolouration / sprouting is upto 25% paying more rate, than payable by the A.P. State Civil Supplies Corporation Ltd. Taking the advantage; as there is no one to purchase the paddy with the discolouration / sprouting of more than 25%, the millers are exploiting the situation by way of offering very less price to the paddy and requested to issue necessary orders relaxing percentage of defect in paddy to be purchased by A.P. State Civil Supplies Corporation Ltd without specifying any maximum limit so that farmers are rescued from being exploited by the rice millers.

3. After careful examination of the matter and in order to reduce the hardship of farmers and to protect them from distress sale and keeping in view the farmers have suffered due to untimely rains, the Government has considered it imperative to give a helping hand in order to stop distress sale, it is hereby ordered that purchase the damaged paddy upto 50% of discolouration or sprouting shall be made by the A.P. State Civil Supplies Corporation Ltd duly imposing full value cuts for each percentage of relaxation @ Rs 8.80 for Grade "A" and Rs 8.50 for Common varieties of paddy. The value cut to be imposed for every percent for Grade "A" and Common damaged paddy to be procured is indicated in the annexure. It is also ordered that since the A.P. State Civil Supplies Corporation Ltd is not a commercial organization which cannot bear the losses in the transactions, the losses which are inevitable in this transactions shall be reimbursed to the A.P. State Civil Supplies Corporation Ltd. The A.P. State Civil Supplies Corporation Ltd shall meet the working capital for purchase of the damaged paddy from out of the funds available with them.

4. The VC & Managing Director, A.P. State Civil Supplies Corporation Ltd Hyderabad should take steps to minimize the procurement of damaged paddy and losses.

5. The Collectors, Krishna, Guntur, Nellore, East Godavari and West Godavari districts are requested to ensure that the A.P. State Civil Supplies Corporation Ltd., purchases the damaged paddy with discolouration or sprouting upto 50%. The Collectors, shall arrange wide publicity through press and scrolling on the T.V Channels besides giving wide publicity by beat of dandora (tom –tom) in the villages concerned for the benefit of the farmers. To avoid rush at the Paddy Purchase Centres token should be issued to the farmers pamphlets, indicating village-wise programme, the date, time and location of the purchase centre shall be distributed on large scale in each village affected due to heavy rains so that the farmers could come to the purchase centres on the specified dates without any difficulty.

6. The District Purchase Committees headed by the Joint Collectors shall take appropriate action for engaging required number of technical man power, procure the adequate number of equipments to conduct the quality tests besides cleaning of the paddy brought by the farmers to purchase centres. They shall make arrangements the availability of sufficient number of gunnies to transport paddy from PPCs and to make necessary payment to the farmers, and have scientific godowns to store paddy purchased besides other logistics. The damaged paddy purchased shall be stacked separately at each scientific godown like SWC, CWC, AMC etc., so as to take appropriate decision at the time of disposal of paddy stocks. Special care should be taken to protect the stocks to be procured under relaxations for different categories as shown below.

- i) A1 and C1 : from 5% to 15% (discolouration or sprouting)
- ii) A2 and C2 : from 16% to 25% -do-
- iii) A3 and C3 : from 26% to 35% -do
- iv) A4 and C4 : from 36 % to 50% -do-

7. The VC & Managing Director, A.P., State Civil Supplies Corporation Ltd shall supervise the entire purchase operations of damaged paddy and furnish details of purchase of damaged paddy daily to the Commissioner of Civil Supplies, A.P. Hyderabad.

8. This order issues with the concurrence of the Finance Department vide their U.O. No. 306-A/4/A2,Expr. AHFCS&E/2009 dated 19.1.2009.

(BY ORDER AND IN THE NAME OF THE GOVERNOR OF ANDHRA PRADESH)

SANJAY JAJU

EX. OFFICIO SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT

To

The Commissioner of Civil Supplies, A.P. Hyderabad.

The VC & Managing Director, A.P. State Civil Supplies Corporation Ltd Hyderabad.

The Collectors, Krishna, Guntur, Nellore, East Godavari and West Godavari Districts.

The Joint Collectors, Krishna, Guntur, Nellore, East Godavari and West Godavari Districts.

The Director General Vigilance and Enforcement Department, B.R.K.R. Bhavan, Hyderabad.

Copy submitted to the Secretary, Department of Food and Public Distribution, Ministry of Consumer Affairs, Food and Public Distribution, Krishi Bhavan, New Delhi.

Copy to the Commissioner of Agriculture, Nampally, Hyderabad.

Copy to the Additional Secretary, Hon'ble Chief Minister, A.P. Secretariat, Hyderabad.

Copy to the P.S. to Hon'ble Minister for Food and Civil Supplies, A.P. Sect. Hyd'bad.

Copy to the P.S. to Hon'ble Minister for Finance, A.P. Secretariat, Hyderabad.

Copy to the P.S. to Hon'ble Minister for Agriculture, A.P. Secretariat, Hyderabad.

Copy to the P.S. to Hon'ble Minister for Marketing, A.P. Secretariat, Hyderabad.

Copy to the P.S. to Hon'ble Minister for Housing, A.P. Secretariat, Hyderabad.

Copy to District Supply Officers, Krishna, Guntur, Nellore, East Godavari and West Godavari Districts

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SECTION OFFICER